

These minutes were approved by the Board on 4-14-2022

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling
January 13, 2022

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling was called to order by Amy Eigenberg, Vice Chair, at 9:08 a.m., in the Lower Level B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were 1) mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, and 2) posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx> and on the bulletin board in the Licensure Unit Lobby on 01.05.2022.

The following members answered roll call:

Members Present (8):

Christine Chasek, Member (on phone)
Lori Cleveland, Chair (in room)
Victor Gehrig, Member (in room)
Natasha Robinson, Member (on phone)
Mary Sneckenberg, Member (on phone)
Terry Duffy, Member (in room)

Members Absent (1):

Brian Bierschenk, Member
Jill Colegrove, Member
Amy Eigenberg, Vice Chair

Staff and Others Present (4):

Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (on phone)

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Sneckenberg moved, seconded by Gehrig, to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gehrig, Robinson, Sneckenberg, Duffy (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Colegrove, Eigenberg (3). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy, to approve the minutes of 10.14.2021. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gehrig, Robinson, Sneckenberg, Duffy (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Colegrove, Eigenberg (3). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS & OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION
CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to enter into closed session at 9:08 a.m. to hear discussions of investigative/confidential nature, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputations of the individuals. Cleveland repeated the motion purpose. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Gehrig, Robinson, Sneckenberg, Duffy (6). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Bierschenk, Colegrove, Eigenberg (3). Motion carried.

9:12 a.m. Eigenberg joined the meeting by phone
9:13 a.m. Eigenberg exited the meeting
9:20 a.m. Cleveland entered the room
9:21 a.m. Eigenberg joined the meeting by phone
10:03 a.m. Duffy exited the meeting
10:05 a.m. Duffy entered the meeting
10:10 a.m. Bierschenk joined the meeting by phone

- 10:21 a.m. Colegrove joined the meeting by phone
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:57 a.m. Back from Break
- 10:57 a.m. Robinson exited the meeting
10:57 a.m. Bierschenk exited the meeting
- 11:29 a.m. Bierschenk joined the meeting by phone
- 11:31 a.m. After Board Member agreement, Cleveland stated the meeting is now in open session

5. REVIEW, RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORT OUT

OPEN SESSION: Applications, Summary of Mail Ballot Votes and Reinstatements

Alaan Austin, PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Colegrove, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Conviction history and Substance use history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Duffy (3). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Amber Leighty – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy, to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Conviction history and Substance use history. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Duffy, Cleveland (8). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

Stephanie Roth, PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Duffy moved, seconded by Gehrig, to recommend issuing the license with no terms or conditions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bierschenk, Chasek, Colegrove, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Sneckenberg, Duffy (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Carnell Watt – PLADC Applicant

MOTION: Colegrove moved, seconded by Gehrig to deny the application. Basis for recommendation: Conviction history, and not reporting 16 of 17 convictions. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bierschenk, Chasek, Colegrove, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Sneckenberg, Duffy (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

Kathy Carr – LADC Applicant

MOTION: ~~Meyerle~~ Gehrig moved, seconded by ~~Reay~~ Duffy, to recommend probation concurrent with the same terms and conditions, bases of previous disciplinary action and recommendations on evaluations. A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Bierschenk, Chasek, Colegrove, Cleveland, Eigenberg, Gehrig, Sneckenberg, Duffy (8). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

6. UPDATES REPORTS

a. Executive Order 21-18

<https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Alcohol-and-Drug-Counselor.aspx>.
Chiles provided an update on the current Executive Order.

b. Discussion Relating to Developing a Jurisprudence Examination

Board members will submit questions to Chiles for collection and distribution to the Board for review at the January board meeting.

- c. **Justice Behavioral Health Committee Report**
Robinson was not present to provide an update
- d. **International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC)**
<https://internationalcredentialing.org>
Robinson was not present to provide an update
- e. **Reports: Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Actions, License Statistics, Examination Statistics, and Administrative Fees:**
Reports were included as part of the meeting agenda.

7. ANNUAL BUSINESS

a. Elections and Appointments

Election of Officers
Chair-Eigenberg
Vice Chair- Gehrig
Secretary – Colegrove

Appointment of Investigative Consultant, Education Reviews, IC&RC Representative

Investigative Consultant:	Chasek
Education Reviews:	Eigenberg
IC&RC Representative:	Robertson

b. Approval of Method of Noticing Meeting Agendas

Current process is post the agendas on the Licensure Unit's website, in the lobby of the Licensure Unit or have individuals on a mailing list.

MOTION: Gehrig moved, seconded by Duffy to approve the current method of noticing meeting agendas. . A voice vote was taken. Voting aye: Chasek, Cleveland, Colegrove, Eigenberg, Gehrig (5). Voting nay: Bierschenk, Sneckenberg, Duffy (3). Absent: None (0). Abstain: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

c. Board member Per Diems and Compensation Recommendations (Neb. Rev. Stat. 38-171)

Chiles provided a review of current per diem standards, board duties, representing the board at meetings and preparing for meetings. No changes to current per diem amount.

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8. ADJOURNMENT

Eigenberg there being no further business to discuss she declared the meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Summarized by:
Kris Chiles, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Carrie Oldehoeft, Health Licensing Coordinator